

Things to Do – for kids

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Wiesbaden



Adventure Playground Biberbau

The adventure playground Biberbau, built in 2008, has 5000 square meters of open space, perfect for building a bonfire, climbing on a pirate ship, walk barefoot in a sandbox, climbing over logs and much, much more! There is even a small zoo consisting of several rabbits, ducks, pigs and chickens. Check out the water castle, cottage village, workshop, children trailer, game car, football pitch, among other things. This playground is suitable for children of age's one through twelve. Children under six years of age are also welcomed and must be accompanied by an adult. Location: Sauerwiesweg 4, Wiesbaden Biebrich. Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Wed. closed. Upcoming events: from Apr.14 to 17- Holiday Camp; Mar. 13-Sep. 29- Make a Hut for Kids; For more information visit: www.biberbau-biebrich.de

Special dates:

Holiday Camp Dates 2015:

- **Easter** Holiday Camp: April 7-10
- **Summer** Holiday Camp: August 10-21
- **Autumn** Holiday Camp: Oct. 19-23

Winter FunDayZ at Biberbau: January to end of March 2015

No, the Biberbau has not closed in winter; on the contrary, they have special offers almost every day. Every Tuesday and Friday afternoon until well into March, there are plenty of things to do: a jewelry workshop, toboggan, radio play, kids disco, tinker, board games, kids movies, painting, read aloud, parkour, SingStar, soapstone workshop, small knots, Wii motion games and a lot more. Every Monday and Friday is **cooking and bakery school**. Bring your kids and let them learn how to cook or bake cakes with our social workers.

Adventure Flee market: April 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Be part of Biberbau's special adventure flea market as a private seller or buyer. The whole playground is open to keep your kids busy, so you can enjoy the cakes, coffee and hot-dog offers. All incoming money for food will be for Biberbau benefit. The flea market offers will be only for kids. To sell your own items send an email to register. The stand fee is €10 or €6 if you bring a cake for Biberbau to sell. Bring your own tables and follow the local parking and unload instructions by the team. Sellers can start setup at 10 a.m. Entrance is free.

World Play Day: May 28 3-6 p.m.

"Our road is to play there." Now, after five years of break the Biberbau will be part of the World Play Day again. In cooperation with the German child welfare the street will be closed on the entire length of the Biberbau as early as 2010. On the street in front of the Biberbau, there will be great offers for children of all ages, as well as coffee and cake by donation for the parents and grandparents.

From the street chalk art on nails and sawing stations, games of skill, to the painting of "Attention, here play Children" signs Biberbaus offers a lot to do for kids. Also Bibo, the mascot, will be there again and if you want to take a great photo with him for donation it will be directly printed to take with home.

Bibo's Kids Festival June 27

Bibo's Children's Festival will start this year for the first time. There will be a festival with musicians for children, clowns, birthday entertainers, exciting readings of children's authors, a clown school, kids Bibo's stage and much more. The detailed program will be announced here and on the Facebook page. Bibo's children's festival will be a charity event to benefit the non-profit project Biberbau.

Pony Riding every first Friday from April to July, 4-6 p.m.

It's pony time again at Biberbau. From April, the Biberbau again offers its monthly pony rides. As always, members children ride for free, non-members must pay a fair donation. Please bring cycling or riding helmets.

Zoological and Botanical Garden Fasanerie

The Fasanerie is a zoo and park in Wiesbaden, and it is located at Wilfried-Ries-Straße 20, 65195 Wiesbaden. Entrance is free! Find out more at www.fasanerie.net.



Opel Zoo Kronberg

A visit to the Opel Zoo is a highlight throughout the year, and in the summer time, visitors can see animal babies. More than 1,400 animals, the possibility to pet some of them, the adventure playground, picnic and BBQ grounds as well as public guided tours and events make a day in the Opel Zoo a happening for the entire family. The zoo is located at Königsteiner Straße 35, 61476 Kronberg im Taunus and is about a half hour's drive from Wiesbaden. For more information, visit <http://www.opel-zoo.de>.

Freizeitpark Taunus Wunderland

There is a lot to experience at Taunus Wunderland, including more than 30 attractions that are designed to satisfy every craving for fun and adventure. There are fun rides and vehicles for even the youngest family members, as well as a place for water fights. Only 20 minutes from Wiesbaden, the park is located at Haus Zur Schanze 1, 65388 Schlangenbad. For more information, visit <http://www.taunuswunderland.de>.

Mainz

Mainz with Children

Where to find playgrounds, swimming pools, water or indoor playgrounds in Mainz? Children with their parents will find places to go climbing, sliding, romping about and building sandcastles in the whole city as well as in indoor playgrounds. Mainz also offers indoor and outdoor swimming pools with thermal bath, adventure chutes and a large sauna and wellness landscape. For more information, visit www.mainz.de/with-children.





Kartbahn A60

For a special treat, parents might want to consider the Kartbahn A60 near Mainz in Heidesheim. The facility features Sodi GT5 Karts (go karts) that people drive around a track. Children must be at least 9 years old and 4 feet 6 inches tall to drive the go karts. The height restriction is necessary because children must be tall enough to operate the brakes properly. Sometimes people book the facility for special events, so it is a good idea to call ahead and make sure the place is open to the public. In addition, the facility recommends that people make reservations. Tickets cost €10 for 10 minutes, €28 for 30 minutes or €50 for six 10-minute tickets. For more information, visit <http://www.kartbahn-mainz-finthen.de>.



Tobolino, an indoor playground in Mainz-Laubenheim

No matter the weather, the children can enjoy a giant climbing volcano, trampoline or bouncy castle at Tobolino, an indoor playground in Mainz-Laubenheim. Also, meals and drinks are available at family-friendly prices. The playground's address is Dammweg 11, 55130 Mainz, and the phone number is: 06131-6228202. For more information, visit www.tobolino-mainz.de.

Frankfurt

Kinder Museum Frankfurt

The museum not only gives children direct access to authentic historical objects, but also provides a hands-on oriented learning experience. In all its exhibits the visitors are encouraged to play an active role. Independent thinking and an autonomous learning environment are central to the children's museum. The museum encourages children to touch, test and try out. The museum is located on Hauptwache 15, 60313 Frankfurt. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., admission is only €4 Euro (€9 for a family card) and there are directions for where to park on the English website. For more information, visit www.kindermuseum.frankfurt.de.



Zoo Frankfurt

Crocodiles, gorillas, lions and rhinos: you don't have to travel to Africa anymore to see these fascinating animals. A trip to Frankfurt Zoo is just as good now! Frankfurt Zoo is a vibrant green oasis in the middle of the thriving Main metropolis, where you can discover more than 4,500 animals in over 450 species. Frankfurt Zoo offers a wide scope of programs throughout the year, including festivals for the entire family, exciting presentations, exhibits and themed tours. The zoo's educational department also offers truly unforgettable tours for all ages, from elementary and high school pupils and college students to seniors and the elderly. You can celebrate even a "wild" birthday party at the zoo! Admission is 8 Euro for adults and 4 Euro for children and over. The zoo is open every day of the year from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the summer and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the winter. Visit www.zoo-frankfurt.de for more information.

Camp for Children



Kids Camp America offers full - immersion English day camps located in Frankfurt, Dreieich, and Wiesbaden where kids from all over the world can learn, play, sing songs, do sports, create art and perform drama. The camp offers a huge range of summer camp activities and best of all, the kids get to choose. The camp is also looking for staff. Teachers and counselors should visit <http://www.kidscampamerica.com/en/jobs/> to apply. Please contact info@kidscampamerica.com

or call: 069 2002 3071 for more details.

Get more family friendly tips here: <http://www.wiesbaden.army.mil/sites/about/ttd/FreizeittipsforFamilies.pdf>

Freizeitpark (Leisure Park) Lochmühle



Open daily from March 27 to October 24. Opening hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Last admission at 5 p.m., the amusement rides run from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission into the park until 4:30 p.m. each day. The rides operate from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Special attraction: 15 ponies; pony rides possible for an extra fee. Day passes (prices per person): visitors below 90 cm are free! Visitors 120 cm and taller: €11.50, visitors between 90 and 120 cm: €10. Address: 61273 Wehrheim (Taunus hills), tel. (06175) 79 00 60, website: www.lochmuehle.de

Directions: (1) A5 Darmstadt - Kassel, exit Nr. 16 Friedberg/Friedrichsdorf, direction Friedrichsdorf, direction Usingen/Wehrheim. (2) A3 Köln/Frankfurt, exit Bad Camberg, direction Usingen, in Usingen take B456 direction Bad Homburg. (3) A661 Frankfurt-Bad Homburg, exit Oberursel Nord, B456 direction Usingen. Strip map available at www.lochmuehle.de (click 'Anreise').

Erlebnispark (Adventure Park) Steinau

Open daily from March 27 to Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Last admission at 5 p.m., the amusement rides run from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Day passes: visitors below 100 cm are free! Visitors 130 cm and taller: €11, visitors between 100 and 130 cm: €10. Directions: A66 Frankfurt-Hanau-Fulda, exit „Steinau-West“, in Steinau direction Marjoß-Jossa, then follow „Erlebnispark“ signs. Strip map available at www.erlebnispark-steinau.de (click 'Anreise').

Freizeit-Land ('Leisure Land') Geiselwind is located just off A3 Würzburg direction Nürnberg. The park

features more than 50 attractions, including kids' rides, super theater shows, a petting zoo and the look-out 'Top of the World' biggest transportable platform worldwide (holding 132 people). to Oct. 17, starting at 9 a.m., in September and October only open on weekends. Day pass: free for visitors shorter than €19.50 for those taller than 1.10 m; € 22,50 for those taller than More info at civ (09556) 92110 or www.freizeit-land.de (one available).



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English page

Playmobil Fun Park in Zirndorf (Central Franconia) featuring a knights' castle, pirate boat, Red Indians' village, gold mine, farm; climbing park; Playmobil game city with the favorite theme parks 'Vikings', 'knights' & 'dream castle.' Info at (0911) 966 67 00 or www.playmobil-funpark.de (only German pages).

Erlebnispark (Adventure Park) Tripsdrill

Open March 27 to Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Day pass: €22.50, children from 4 to 11: €18.50, children under 4 are free. The park is in 74389 Cleebornn, more info at tel. (0 71 35) 99 99 or www.tripsdrill.de (English pages available).

Holiday Park



Open from March 27 to Nov. 7. Day pass for visitors taller than 1.45: €27.90; children from 1m to 1.44m: €22.90; children shorter than 1 meter are free. Address: 67454 Hassloch (near Speyer), more info at tel. (0 63 24) 5 99 30 or www.holidaypark.de (English pages available).

Phantasialand

Opened April 1 through Nov. 1 daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Check website for additional hours in the winter months. Day pass: €34.50, children between 1 m and 1.45 m: €29,50. Children under 1 m are free. Address: 50321 Brühl (near Cologne), info at (022 32) 3 62 00 or www.phantasialand.de (English pages available).



Edersee Toboggan Run

Unter dem Hagen 1, 34513 Waldeck. Longest toboggan far and wide with lots of fun – turns, bridges, jumps. Open April thru October. Price per ride for children over 13 and adults is €2.30 and €1.60 for children under 13. Separate prices for additional attractions. More at <http://www.sommerrodelbahn-edersee.de/index2.php>, phone Tel.: 05634 – 6646

Europapark, Rust

Open March 27 thru Nov. 7 daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Europapark is Germany's biggest leisure park; it features, among other things, a European theme park reflecting the different European countries and their unique characteristics. Day pass: €35, children 4-11 years: €31. Address: 77977 Rust (near Freiburg, Black Forest area in Southern Germany), more info at tel. (01805) 77 66 88 or www.europapark.de (English pages available).



Warner Brothers Movie World in Bottrop

You can find more information in English on this link.

http://www.starparks.com/moviepark/press/index_en.cfm (English pages available).

Falconry at Ronneburg Castle

The stars of the bird shows are eagle owl "Nelly", vulture "Hansi" and white-tailed eagle "Ragna" as well as other eagles, desert buzzards and falcons. Shows are held from March to November (weather permitting) as follows:

Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday and German holidays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. as well as upon special request.

On Monday the falconry is closed.

Admission: €4.50 for adults; €3.50 for kids.

Group discounts available for 20 and more people.

Address: Falknerei Burg Ronneburg at 63549 Ronneburg.

Tel.: (06048) 953 858, email: mail@falknerei-ronneburg.de

Website : www.falknerei-ronneburg.de

Bird Park Biebesheim (greater Groß-Gerau area)

The bird park, which covers an area of 20,000 square meters, features a variety of bird species from all continents as well as the endangered white storks and a cage with Capuchin monkeys. There is also a huge, publicly accessible aviary. The park is open daily from 11 a.m., free admission. Address: Vogelspark Biebesheim, Anglerweg, 64584 Biebesheim.

Tel.: (06258) 81865, website: www.vogelpark-biebesheim.de (only German pages).



Galli Theater Wiesbaden

The Galli-Theatre with 99 seats presents funny stories for children in German, English and Spanish. For adults there is also a comedy theatre with hits that everyone knows. Theaterworkshops for children and adults strengthen the personality. A creative place, where new theatre pieces are created work together with Institutions and companies. A nice place for private and company events. The Galli Theater is located on Adelheidstrasse

21, 65185 Wiesbaden. For more information call 0611-341-8999, email

wiesbaden@galli.de or go to <http://spielplan.galli.de/>

Kletterwald Neroberg

At the Jungle Course, with the age of 4, children can climb in this new exciting course. It is on a level of 1,50m - 1,80m only. The supervision of adults is required as follows:

Children from 4 till 5 years: 1 adult takes respectively care of 3 children.

Children from 6 years on: 1 adult takes respectively care of 8 children.

On the High Courses, our new security system enables climbing for children with the age of 6. It is possible that the children climb on their own if they reach the height of 1,65m with their arms. Smaller children have to climb together with adults. In this connection, it is possible that 1 adult accompanies the maximum of 2 children. The climbing season starts on March 15th and ends November 16th. **During easter vacation (Hessen, Rhineland-Palatinate):** Mo. - Fr.: 10.00 am **During summer vacation (Hessen, Rhineland-Palatinate):** Mo. - Fr.:

9.00 am **During fall vacation (Hessen, Rhineland-Palatinate):** Mo. - Fr.: 10.00 am. For more information go to <http://www.kletterwald-neroberg.de>

Rambazamba Kinderspielparadies

This indoor playground has numerous attractions for children. There are giant slides, twister slides, a softball shooter, inflatables, football tables and pitch (also for basketball), go-karts (50 cents a ride) and more. There is also toddler friendly equipment to keep them amused and help build their motor skills.

Additionally there is a bistro with family friendly prices as well as free Wi-Fi available. Birthday parties should be booked in advance.

Hours of Operation:

Open daily from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (except on Thursdays from 1-7 p.m.)

May 1-September 30: Wednesday 1 p.m. and Monday to Thursday until 7 p.m.

Open 10 a.m. Monday to Sunday during school holidays and public holidays

It is located on Mombacher Strasse 76a, 55122 Mainz.

Barfußpfad (Barefoot) Bad Sobernheim

The barefoot path is fun for adults and kids as they walk on a stimulated passage through clay, grass, sand, stones and bark mulch. There are wooden rollers, balance beams, ladders and posts in stair-step formation to try for those who like foot gymnastics. This path is great training program for the feet, especially for children. It helps develop the form and foot arches, builds muscles and ligaments, improve posture as well as promotes blood circulation. Running or walking on the barefoot path combines fun and doing something for your health. Visitors can also walk through the Nahe River with safety ropes provided. Depending on the water level of the river, swimwear is advisable. It is recommended to use the suspension bridge (a rope bridge suspended above the water) or the ferry cable for children under age eight or if it is that the water is too high. A snack bar is also available.

Hours of Operation:

May to October, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

It is located on Bahnhofstr. 4, 55566 Bad Sobernheim.



EXPERIMINTA ScienceCenter

Have a hands on experience at about 120 experimental stations involving natural sciences, mathematics, information science and technology. The stations will challenge your experience and expand your mind as a combination of natural phenomena and science become entwined.

EXPERIMINTA has more than 70 workshops for children for the following ages: 5-7; 8-10; children with parents, grandparents & adults.

Hours of Operation:

Monday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. / Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. / Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

It is located on Hamburger Allee 22-24, 60486 Frankfurt am Main. For more information, call 49 (0) 69 713 79 69 0.



Naturmuseum Senckenberg

The Naturmuseum Senckenberg is the second largest natural history museum in Germany and has the most comprehensive exhibition of large dinosaurs in Europe. Although the dinosaur exhibition is the most popular, the museum also has an extensive collection of animal exhibits from every era. Additionally Senckenberg has an expansive collection of stuffed birds,

featuring more than 2,000 species. Another fascinating exhibit is a cast of an almost complete skeleton of Lucy, an *Australopithecus afarensis*, a hominid from 3.2 million years ago. Another fascinating attraction is a dinosaur fossil with its scaled skin preserved. The dinosaur exhibits are most popular with children. The museum offers regular evening lectures and tours.

Hours of Operation:

Weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (except Wednesday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.) / Weekends & holidays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Closed: Good Friday, December 24 & 31 and January 1

It is located on Senckenberganlage 25, 60325 Frankfurt am Main. For more information call 49 (0)69 75420.